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Sent: 8/6/2020 2:52:25 PM
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Subject: CDPH DWRL Chemistry audit Dec. 2019, additional file
Attachments: EDA Audit Incident.docx

Good morning, Christopher & Cynthia!

Do you remember the audit here and asking me about the sample container request for possible DBP analysis? I finally found the actual request email – that time period was incredibly hectic and samplings were intertwined.

I am attaching a file with that and what information I had provided Sissy afterward since she had no records saved. This will allow me to feel that I completed my part.

I also ask selfishly that if you come again to CDPH and hear anything blamed on me that you remember seeing my work and my record keeping and know that I cared very much about DWRL. After you left, and I had a feeling this would happen, Sissy insisted my version of events was wrong. Even when she asks me for the emails and says “we will learn from it” she is really referring to me. “We” has always meant me in my dealings with her.

I’m not telling you this to be a tattle tale, it is just to try and stick up for myself one more time. I doubt I will make it another week without needing to leave here, even though I have no other job yet. I am no longer too proud to ask for any job leads you might have, anything where I can contribute and be part of a team.

I still think about how you two were nicer to me in two days than some people here have been for years 😊 Sorry again about that display of emotion, that was embarrassing. But I’ve finally accepted I would rather be passionate and honest about my work and lose my job than stay and be disingenuous and part of a faulty system.

I hope you both are well despite this virus craziness! I hope for everyone it settles down very soon.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:14 AM
To: Pels, Leah@CDPH <Leah.Pels@cdph.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: CU draft audit agenda

Thank you. I think we are great. I want to hear also Shiyamalie’s suggestions on Monday I have gone through inspection but never an EPA one.

Thank you
Sissy

P.S I forgot to cc Shiyamalie..I saw she replied as well – we are all good :D

From: Pels, Leah@CDPH <Leah.Pels@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:12 AM
To: Petropoulou, Sissy@CDPH <Sissy.Petropoulou@cdph.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: CU draft audit agenda

I am so very much interested in having everyone pass their audits and am trying to be transparent and proactive, that is all.

I have the certificates in a binder for the NIST and the infrared but I think I will also prepare a separate binder with copies showing the constant certification from purchase thru the present for both. Easier reading.
Any other suggestions are highly appreciated!

From: Petropoulou, Sissy@CDPH <Sissy.Petropoulou@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Pels, Leah@CDPH <Leah.Pels@cdph.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: CU draft audit agenda

I am responding to you and Shiyamalie only. Since Chad is currently quite busy.

No worries I am already aware about this. We have our pipettes calibrations, I know Shiyamalie does the balances, (she will give me the records, and I know we do not calibrate those thermometers in the fridges. No worries.
I am on the right track with you on this.

The only thing is that they have to see a calibration records of the thermometers used to measure the incoming samples temp.

About the rest you are correct I know you are not handling those.

No worries we are on the same page.

Just sample handling – they provided the record like that and shared with you that other things will come up probably all mixed – we will see- you tell them is not part of your duties and to ask me and all good.

Thank you
Sissy

From: Pels, Leah@CDPH <Leah.Pels@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:11 AM
To: Petropoulou, Sissy@CDPH <Sissy.Petropoulou@cdph.ca.gov>
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Subject: RE: CU draft audit agenda

Good morning, Sissy

I will make sure and be here Dec. 3 to talk to them about sample receiving.

Your list includes balances, thermometers and pipette records – I want to make sure you are not including that with my duties? I am encountering a misunderstanding currently with Chad regarding Micro's NIST thermometers and his belief that I handle the calibration certificates for those thermometers. I only handle the two NIST thermometers in C112 as far as handing them over to Alpine every year and filing the certificates for those.

I don't handle the calibration of the thermometers in anyone's refrigerators or freezers, Chemistry or Micro. I supply them but that is all. I also don't handle any pipette records for anyone. I used to take readings of the balance in that ante-room near the radiochemistry walk-in but Chemistry took over when you became supervisor.

I just want to have us all on the same page as to what records I can provide and what I handle.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Leah

From: Petropoulou, Sissy@CDPH <Sissy.Petropoulou@cdph.ca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:44 PM

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Subject: CU draft audit agenda

Hello Leah

Please see attached the draft agenda for the CU audit on Dec 3-6th.

They have listed the sample receiving, balances, thermometers and pipettes records on Monday Dec 3rd at 9 am.

9:00am – Sample Receiving, Balances, Thermometers, Pipettes

Let me know if there is a conflict with your schedule.

Thank you

Sissy

From: Cagurangan, Christopher <Cagurangan.Christopher@epa.gov>

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Subject: RE: Request for Information--EPA DW Certification Evaluation of California Drinking Water and Radiation Laboratory (DWRL) Chemistry Unit

Hi Sissy,

Thank you for the input. We've added 547 to the 2nd day of the audit. Updated agenda is attached.

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